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New UC move; strike delayed

UNIONISTS got together with COPE-endorsed candidate for governor Jess Unruh at the Oakland Labor Temple last week. More than 50 AFL-CIO and Teamster representatives from Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco counties met with Assemblyman Unruh to hear his views on the campaign and his plans after election. Unruh told them that his election is vital, not for his sake, but because California can't stand another four years of "inept, mediocre" administration by Governor Reagan whose tax, education, social service and other policies have victimized working people.

Meaningful talks with craftsmen promised

The University of California, facing a building trades strike next Monday, this week pledged meaningful talks on the craftsmen's proposals.

Union negotiators postponed indefinitely — but did not cancel —the strike. In a terse press release, the Alameda County Building Trades Council declared:

"The Building Trades Council will insist that these discussions begin immediately and continue without delay until an agreement is reached."

The new university policy was stated by UC President Charles J. Hitch after two meetings at his request with BTC Secretary Lamar Childers and Alameda County Central Labor Council Executive Secretary - Treasurer Richard K. Groulx.

A key issue on which the 500 building tradesmen had authorized a strike at the Berkeley campus and Berkeley and Livermore Radiation Laboratories was the UC regents' authorization in February to Hitch to set lower maintenance rates for UC building tradesmen. They are now paid prevailing construction rates under a 1954 regents' resolution.

"Only at such time in the future as the conditions stated have been fully met and discussions have been completed will the university take any action to change wage rates, benefits and working conditions under the February, 1970 policy," Hitch declared.

A longstanding grievance was

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Charges dropped; Creque ,4 in school case draw fines

The long prosecution of Oakland Federation of Teachers President David Creque and four black community leaders ended Monday when the charges were dropped at the district attorney's request and the five pleaded "no contest" to a lesser charge.

Fines of $50 to $250 were levied on the defendants by Municipal Judge John S. Cooper who had presided at their previous seven-week trial, longest in Oakland municipal court history.

Creque was fined $150.

They were acquitted on March 28 on seven charges and the jury failed to agree on 10 others. Those charges were dropped and an obscure misdemeanor of "blocking the aisles" was substituted.

The five were arrested after a stormy meeting of the Oakland board of education last May 20.

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Mass meet for county bargaining set Tuesday

Three county employe unions, still bargaining without a management counterproposal as this week began, are set to stage a mass demonstration at noon next Tuesday, April 28 in an appeal for meaningful negotiations.

They were to ask the Alameda County Central Labor Council to endorse the demonstration and urge members of other unions to turn out.

The demonstration will be staged at the county administration building, 1221 Oak Street, Oakland, by members of United Public Employees Local 390, Social Workers Local 535 and Hospital Workers Local 250.

As preparations were underway for next Tuesday's demonstration, Local 535 was to be in court today to appeal suspensions of seven of its members as a result of a similar mass meeting last May 14.

They were given three-day suspensions without pay after they insisted on union representation when they were called on the carpet for alleged misuse of county cars to attend last year's demonstration.

The union's case for voiding the suspensions and paying the seven for time they were off the payroll was to be heard at 2 p.m. in superior court department 1.

Labor Council Executive-Secretary - Treasurer Richard K. Groulx appealed to the county grand jury last week to take a hand in stimulating real bargaining before county bargaining tactics could cause a confrontation.

This week, the unions reported, while still not bargaining on fringes county spokesmen were at least listening. Previously, they complained, the county had asked unions to cut back pay proposals while declining to talk about fringes. That, they said, made give and take impossible.

from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

Class will always tell

It looks from here that the President of the United States could have chosen another, more self-effacing approach to last week's space drama.

Last Friday, everybody who knew about it was tense, scared, hoping against hope that the three men in Apollo 13 would overcome their string of life-threatening bad luck and make it home alive.

They did.

And what did Richard say?

Up to now, he said, he thought the most exciting day in his life was the day he was elected President.

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FOR DAYS we had been watching while three men faced death in illimitable outer space. They and the many well-trained people who worked with them from the ground to get their cripp'ed space ship home did superhuman things.

Those three never showed by word or inflection how thoroughly scared they were. They and the many who helped them did their job and the three lived.

True, our leader did pay trib-

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Print Specialties apts. open

Tenants have begun moving into the Printing Specialties Union Retirement Center in downtown Oakland while workmen are still completing the final touchup of the 12-story apartment building.

First occupant moved in April 15.

Resident Manager Benjamin Day, a 28 year member of Printing Specialties Local 677 who has "made a hobby of rentals," said they would gradually move toward full occupancy of the 200 apartments.

Built and operated by a non-profit corporation set up by Printing Specialties District Council 5, the center at 550 Twenty-fourth Street, Oakland, is designed for comfort and security of senior citizens—whose budgets are small.

Single units rent for $86 to $105 per month. Double units, with one bedroom rent at from $105 to $134. Three meals a day are available five days a week, with breakfast and lunch optional. All tenants must eat dinner, for which the cost is $40 a month.

Recreational and social activities will be provided.

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

Correspondents columns will be found on page 4 of this edition of the Labor Journal. Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 6.

Contra Costa BTC elects Doyle Williams vice-president

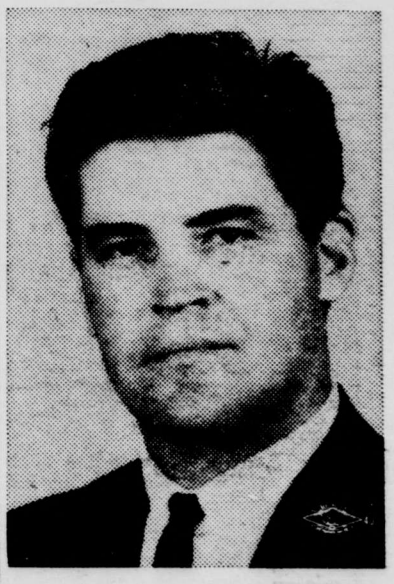
Doyle Williams, business representative for Steamfitters Local 342, was named vice president of the Contra Costa County Building Trades Council at a special election.

He succeeds Norris Casey, of Operating Engineers Local 3, who stepped up from vice president to president on the resignation of Sal Minerva.

Minerva gave up the presidency because of demands on his time in his posts of secretary of the Northern California District Council of Laborers and Northern California vice president of the State Building Trades Council.

Williams, a council executive board member for the last two and one-half years, is the first top officer of the council from Local 342, Secretary Howard (Chick) Reed believed. Williams is also an Alameda County Building Trades Council executive board member.

The Steamfitters cover Alameda and Contra Costa Counties



and have a 33-county jurisdiction in pipeline work.

Williams defeated George Machado of Martinez Carpenters Local 2046 for the Contra Costa vice presidency by a 25-12 vote.

How to Buy

Sewing machine 'offers' are back

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Consumer Expert for
Labor Journal

My wife has a lucky phone number. At least that's what the Riccar Sewing Machine Center in our locality recently wrote her. Good thing the phone company doesn't know it, or they'd probably raise our rate again.

Anyway, the Riccar store has awarded us a "deluxe zig-zag sewing machine . . . nationally advertised at $209" (they say). The only requirement is that we buy a "ten-year prepaid service and instruction contract" for "only $7.95 a year." (Notice the "prepaid." That means you pay $79.50 immediately).

It turns out that there are many lucky phone numbers. Barnett Levy, of the New York state attorney general's bureau of consumer frauds, reports that thousands of such letters have been sent out recently. His department is seeking a court injunction to stop the letters.

ATTORNEYS for the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs have said that such contracts are of dubious value because they leave the dealers free to determine what repairs are covered by the agreement.

The department further said that while the letters quoted list prices ranging from $209 to $269, the machines are Japanese made and wholesale for about $40.

In California, Reader H. L. Kinsey got lucky in a different way. He got a "jackpot" letter from the Necchi Sewing Machine Centers in Fresno and Visalia.

Remove the pull tab, and if you have three cherries in a row "you are entitled to a free stereo album upon receiving a demonstration" of a sewing machine. Three bells and you get a machine for $89 or a certificate towards the purchase of any other machine.

If you find three "Necchis" in a row that's the jackpot. You get a holiday in Las Vegas, Reno, Lake Tahoe or New Orleans. You just pay the transportation and meals.

You also get a "Nelco" sewing machine "for which you pay nothing extra." But you have to take out a prepaid five-year service and instruction policy at $12.95 a year ($69.75).

WHENEVER business gets slack, because in a time of high prices consumers have to concentrate on basic needs like food and housing, a horde of such offers appears. A Lorain, Ohio, woman entered a "contest" and "won" a $50 certificate towards the purchase of a sewing machine. This was "the second prize." The store said someone else had won the first prize of a "free" machine.

Another woman, in Richmond, California, entered a contest and "won" a sewing machine "for the price of the cabinet only."

In Akron, in just 2½ months almost 600 families called the Better Business Bureau to check the offers of $269.50 sewing machines "at no charge" if you paid for an $89.50 service and instruction contract.

One of the potential problems in the service contract, the Akron BBB pointed out, is that if Riccar closed its local office the customer would have to send the machine **prepaid** to a repair center in New York City.

ANOTHER DEVICE is claims that machines are repossessed. The Federal Trade Commission cited the New Home Sewing Center, Allentown, Pa., for using bait ads and repossession claims, as well as fictitious contests.

The FTC examiner found that the firm was not actually offering repossessed sewing machines for the unpaid balance of the original purchase price.

In another case involving the "repossession" claim, the FTC charged that the Delaware Valley Sewing Center, Broomall, Pa., misrepresented that its principal business is providing credit.

Its principal business is selling sewing machines, the FTC said. In fact, the FTC said, the firm exhibited machines which were "unsalable or undesirable" and tried to sell much higher-priced models

In Kansas, the FTC issued a complaint against the City Sewing Machine Co. for offering "discount certificates" of $160 for a machine claimed to make zig zag and fancy stitches automatically. In Baltimore, the FTC said that the Capitol Sewing Machine Sales claimed to sell repossessed machines. But the salesmen tried to sell higher-priced models.

Another problem you may encounter in sale ads is that the stores have few or none of the special machines when you get there. When Singer recently advertised an $88 portable we checked stores.

One store we visited said "they were all gone." Another store we phoned said there were one or two floor models available. Anyway, the machine weighed 45 pounds—heavy for a portable.

THE FACT of the matter is, you can't buy a true zig-zag sewing machine for a very cheap price, even if you do have a lucky phone number or are clever at winning "contests." Most of the true zig-zag models on the market cost from $150 to $300 and more.

You can buy a straight-stitch portable for as little as $65. This may be all you need, although for $10 it may be desirable to get a model that stitches in reverse too, with pushbutton control.

For about $100 you can get a more versatile portable that will do some of the things a zig-zag will, including buttonholes and blind-stitching for hemming.

Actually these less expensive machines will do all the work most women require. Few actually use their sewing machines to make dressy dresses.

They most often use them to alter clothes or make aprons, blouses, skirts and housedresses. (On these they don't make any significant savings anyway).

Thus, make sure you actually want to do decorative stitching and embroidery before you invest several hundred dollars in a true zig-zag machine. Too, the zig-zag machines and special accessories like blind stitchers may be more trouble to use than the ads indicate.

Never buy any machine without trying it out, preferably for a few days, to judge convenience and performance. Since you are most likely to use the machine for straight sewing, this is the performance feature to evaluate most carefully.

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FDA held a tool of food industry

A team of Ralph Nader's investigators in a report they call "The Chemical Feast," has portrayed the Food & Drug Administration as a tool of the food industry, unwilling and unable to protect the consumer.

Their 292-page report said FDA regulations and standards "read like a catalog of favors to special industrial interests."

James S. Turner, who headed a team of 17 youthful investigators, working for consumer champion Nader, called the FDA "a misdirected agency, which also has meager funds and limited authority."

The report concentrated on the agency's food protection policies—or lack of them.

Nader's investigators found that the FDA has a misguided "faith in industrial self-regulation." Actually, the report said, the food agency is guided solely by the profit motive.

Because of the close relationship between the industry and the government agency that is supposed to regulate it, the report continued, some products have received special exemptions from regulations against hazards so that the consumer cannot know what he is buying.

For example, the report said, cola drinks and Dr. Pepper are exempt from the requirement of listing caffeine content on the label of soft drinks.

Government officials "have allowed political considerations to override effective public health measures," Turner said.

For example, he said, Health, Education & Welfare Secretary Robert H. Finch yielded to intense lobbying by California food packers and allowed them to classify foods containing cyclamates as drugs and thus escape Finch's own ban against using cyclamates in foods and drinks.

The report recommended that the FDA establish its own testing laboratory, require that all additives be listed on food packages, that food be graded for quality and that the government take off the market additives that have been shown they might lead to birth defects or genetic damage.

Go to the top

Those who have wanted to write to a company president when given a bad deal by the firm should pick up a copy of "Everybody's Money," available free at Berkeley Co-op store offices. The booklet, published by CUNA International, lists names, addresses and telephone numbers of top men of 37 auto and appliance firms and chain department stores.

Truck employers ask for raise

As national Teamsters negotiations reached agreement on pay raises, California truck employers asked to boost rates to the public. Truckers asked a "surcharge" averaging 71 per cent from the State Public Utilities Commission to offset raises.

Iowa Beef strikers win; boycott ended

After seven and one-half months on strike, 1,200 union members have won their first contract at Iowa Beef Packers, Inc., raising wages and benefits by $1 an hour.

The settlement against the nation's largest beef processor, which had built a "scab city" for strikebreakers at its Dakota City, Nebraska plant, ended the national boycott of the firm by the Meat Cutters and the AFL-CIO.

Workers struck August 24 after negotiators failed to gain a settlement. They charged wages averaged 98 cents per hour below common labor rates in the meat industry.

The company's pre-strike wage offer was a 30-cent an hour increase.

Dakota City strikers will return to work as rapidly as possible with no loss of seniority.

The contract raises wages 58 cents an hour immediately and by 15 cents in each of two succeeding years.

A living-cost clause goes into effect after a 2 per cent rise in the Consumer Price Index in one year after which wages will go up by 1 cent for each CPI increase of four-tenths of 1 per cent.

Benefits include for the first time a sizeable company contribution to a sick-pay program. Improvements in hospitalization coverage also were made. Tool and clothing allowances were increased.

Jobless insurance handbook

A newly prepared handbook on California unemployment insurance is available for union business representatives.

It was developed as a working manual in consultation with union officials to provide answers and solutions to problems confronting unemployed members.

It was prepared by George J. Croda, who on April 1 became state coordinator of public information for unemployment insurance and disability insurance after 32 years in department offices in the Bay Area.

The manual may be obtained by writing to Croda at the Department of Human Resources Development, 745 Franklin St., San Francisco 94107.

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U.S. dictates settlements for rail shopcraft unions

The federal government imposed a settlement on four shopcraft unions involved in an 18 month dispute with the nation's railroads, just before expiration of a Congressionally imposed moratorium against strikes or lockouts.

Congress passed the legislation imposing the compulsory settlement on 48,000 railway workers at the request of President Nixon.

Basis of the legislation was a settlement ratified last December by Machinists, Boilermakers and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers but rejected by the Sheet Metal Workers because of a clause permitting some crossing of craft lines.

The four unions had agreed in advance all four must accept.

Union spokesmen told Congress that the dispute could be quickly settled if railroad managements were forced to negotiate and could not rely on government intervention.

The unusual Nixon-requested legislation was the latest of a series of government and court interventions.

The settlement provides increases of 68 cents an hour, some of it retroactive to January 1 last year, for 40,000 skilled workers. Slightly smaller increases are included for 8,000 less skilled workers.

The clause to which Sheet Metal Workers objected says that "incidental work" at repair-work locations not designated as outlying points may be performed by workers of other crafts.

"Incidental work" is defined as not being a preponderant part of the total work involved in an assignment.

Carpenters 36 in tribute to Bartalini, Risley

More than 400 persons participated in dedication last Saturday of Carpenters Local 36 new hall at 8640 Enterprise Way and naming of its two big halls in memory of two of its best known former officers.

The main meeting hall was named C. R. Bartalini Hall in honor of the late executive secretary of the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters and president of the State Council of Carpenters.

The dispatch hall was designated C. E. Risley Hall in memory of the late Local 36 business representative.

The present day squeeze on Carpenters and other building tradesmen by inflation and prefabrication was stressed at the dedication ceremonies by Watson Garoni, former business representative of Carpet & Linoleum Layers Local 1235. He now is a San Francisco attorney specializing in industrial accident and labor cases.

Private homes and the building tradesmen who construct them have become the prime victims of inflated land prices and interest rates and efforts to curb inflation, Garoni said.

He said large corportions attempting to substitute prefabricated homes for conventional types of housing are further diminishing employment of carpenters and other skilled craftsmen.

At the dedication of C. R. Bartalini Hall, his son, Richard, spoke of his father's activities in Local 36 and in district and state Carpenters' organizations.

He recalled that his father pioneered in bringing negotiated health and welfare, vacation and pension plans to the carpenters.

Risley's 40 years of activities in Local 36 were recounted by Business Representative Al Thoman. Risley's time, Thoman said, included the periods of depression, extreme unemployment and 15 years of the union-wrecking "American Plan."

Members of the Bartalini and Risley families were present for the ceremonies.

The invocation was given by Business Representative Gunnar (Benny) Benonys. Colors were presented by the Cub Scout Troop sponsored by Local 36. President Robert Griebel of the local union was master of ceremonies.

The dedication was followed by a three-hour open house with a buffet luncheon and champagne.

500 protest low-pay imports

More than 500 people picketed the Emporium in San Francisco last Friday in an informational line telling shoppers about the job threat from clothing imported by American stores from low wage countries.

Members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers took time off for the protest demonstration on Market Street from noon until 2 p.m.

The demonstration was the largest ever in the Bay Area by the Amalgamated in support of the Union label, Manager Sam Krips of the union's Northern California Joint Board said

More such demonstrations are planned, he said, at other outlets for these imports.

Amalgamated said such imports come largely from Hong Kong, Japan, Korea and Spain.

Social Workers fight county firing, suspension of unionists

The firing of the vice president of Social Workers Local 535 and suspension and demotion of its president by the county Welfore Department will come before the civil service commission May 1 on appeal, with union support.

A third union member, also fired, was appealing his own case through a private attorney, Local 535 Field Representative David Aroner said.

All three cases were lumped together in sensational publicity, which Aroner said had to have come from the department. Actually, he said, the third case was unrelated.

He gave this chronology:

On March 27, Union President Dion Lerch was suspended five days and demoted one grade, costing approximately $80 a month in salary.

Vice President Larry Gerber was suspended for 10 days on the same date.

On April 10, Gerber was informed he was fired.

Weeks earlier, James Lemon was fired on an unrelated charge.

The union president was accused of unauthorized fund expenditure, participating in improper transfer of a welfare case and of being aware of information which could have affected the grant to an Aid to Families with Dependent Children recipient.

Gerber was accused, in charges relating to the same welfare client, of failing to comply with welfare rules, "neglect in conducting proper investigations," "failure to follow proper reporting and recording procedures" and "improper transfer of a case record to another worker."

Both have been active in current county-union negotiations.

Aroner said the union denied the charges and held the issue "suspect at best" and not worthy of diverting attention from the more central concern of genuine collective bargaining with the county.

Printers to vote May 3 on new commercial pact

Oakland Typographical Union Local 36 will vote Sunday, May 3 on a tentative two-year agreement providing a $36 a week increase in wages and fringes for 300 members working in commercial printing shops in Alameda County.

President Ross Kyler described it as the largest wage increase negotiated for printers in the Bay Area in 20 years.

The International Typographical Union has approved the agreement.

Local 36 will vote on it at a special union meeting at 1 p.m. May 3 in the Holiday room of the Leamington Hotel at 19th and Franklin Streets in Oakland.

The money package provides $20.25 more a week the first year, including $17.50 in wages retroactive to March 1. In the second year wages will be increased $11.75 weekly. Printers work a 35 hour week.

The balance of the money package in each year will go to health and welfare, pensions and sick leave.

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Sheet Metal Workers 216

BY ROBERT M. COOPER

To put it to the point and bluntly; the news this week is not good. Unemployment is getting even with employment and it is doubtful what is in store for the future. About the only ray of sunshine is the fact that Mediocre Carswell failed to get his appointment.

Al Witte, ex-member and owner of All Heating, called today to inform us that Bob Wilcox passed away. Bob lost an eye a few years ago and had been ill a few years with a bad heart condition. He worked mostly in the residential field for Hayward and All Heating. We extend our sympathies to Mrs. Wilcox and the family during this trying period.

There are probably some of our members who are acquainted with Gil Rice, present Representative of Local 152, Bakersfield. They will be saddened to hear his son was killed in Viet Nam.

Howard Jones, Business Representative of Local 252, Fresno, will be in town tomorrow to greet his son who is just getting back to the states after spending a year plus in Viet Nam. Howard says work is the best it has ever been for three years. Too bad it couldn't be a contagious disease so we could catch it. There is nothing like work to keep a man busy.

You might be interested to know that although medical care costs are skyrocketing, the administration costs of our welfare plan are only 5 per cent which can be compared to 25 per cent if we were covered through a private insurance carrier. Just think! 25 cents of every dollar for administration!

T. R. Treadway and I attended the local COPE convention to endorse candidates for the June Primary. We were amazed to hear that although California has the most liberal registration laws in the United States, less than half of our union members are registered to vote.

Are you registered? If not, why not?

Look for the Union Label.

Regular union meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month, 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, Oakland.

Members of the Tri-State Council Death Benefit Plan please note that Death Assessment No. 670 is now due and payable.

Barbers 134

BY JACK M. REED

Reporting on the California State Barbers Association Barbers Show at the Hilton Hotel, San Francisco, last Sunday. It was the biggest, the longest (too long) and the most successful financially.

In the Student competition, two prizes were awarded. One, for regular haircut, was won by Martin Hernandez from the San Jose Barber College and one for Afro-cut haircut, was won by Dorothy Thompson, student at Molar Barber College in Oakland.

Apprentice trophies were won by Keith Perry of San Rafael, Tony Martinez of Modesto and Terry Marshall of Sacramento. The Open competition was won by Joseph De Franco of San Francisco, John Mello of Corralitos second and Keith Perry of San Rafael third.

The Gold Cup Contest was won by James Grego of Long Beach, second place by Joseph De Franco of San Francisco and Dennis Aho of Concord won the third place trophy. IBI products that are produced by local barbers was a newcomer to the booth displays and seemed to be creating much interest. There were large crowds watching the Man products, Redskin and Pacific Barber Supply, Executive Hair-pieces, and Roffler.

The new system of judging the competitions was an improvement on accuracy but was also time consuming and some way will have to be found to speed up the contests. The quality of the styles were all excellent. Local 134 was well represented in the contests and the attendance.

Brothers, the Merger Report and the questionnaire with enveope will be distributed during the next two weeks. Your officers would appreciate your careful consideration of the contents of this report and your filling out the questionnaire and returning the same to the office in the envelope that is provided. We must have your opinion before any further steps are taken.

The Spanish speaking barbers of San Leandro and points east are having a barbecue and entertainment on Saturday night May 9th. For details and tickets contact Andy Galvan or Ray Luciano. Come to think of it are there any San Leandro barbers that don't speak Spanish?

AFSCME 371 'Info'

BY NAT DICKERSON

A Special Called Meeting will be held, on Saturday, April 25 at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

It is of utmost importance that all members be there, as very grave discussions are to be heard on local union problems and crisis.

Because of the turmoil which has prevailed on campus, during the past week, and the possible difficulty in obtaining reservations there, the Executive Committee chose this location for the meeting.

We shall possibly return to our regular meeting place, for our next meetings on May 9, in 155 Kroeber Hall.

The writer was informed that all, or most, office personnel was sent home during the campus confrontations; though most custodians usually arrive at a later time most of them bore the discomforts of tear gas in parking lots and buildings as well as being exposed to the presence of unfamiliar and suspicious-looking persons in their work areas, though buildings were ordered closed, later.

It was reported to us that most of the repressive measures supported by supervisors were rejected by a majority of foremen; we are proud that foremen are again courageous enough and willing to oppose preemptory rulings by those in higher authority.

This could come more easily, if they were fully aware of the strength represented by their Local and its affiliations.

By reason of the extreme sacrifices custodians have had to make over the years a predominant segment feels that more concern should be shown them by the University Administration for their general welfare.

Let's continue being optimistic, faithful and forceful regarding our commitments.

Watchmakers 101

BY GEORGE F. ALLEN

We do not have too much to write about this week, except, now that April 15—the tax deadline is over, we expect to see an uptrend in business. This is the general pattern.

FOR SALE: Watchmaster Ultrasonic Cleaning Machine — used only two months. If interested, telephone the union office —421-1968.

Steamfitters 342

BY JIM MARTIN

We wish to remind you that a Special Called meeting will be held this Sunday, April 26, in Hall "M" of the Labor Temple at 10 a.m., at which time you may vote on how you wish to allocate the 82 cents per hour increase previously negotiated.

Our employment situation continues to remain real good, through C. Norman Peterson's shutdown at Shell Oil Refinery in Martinez and the Bechtel Company at the Union Oil project hiring a few. The Kellogg Company have begun their portion of the P. G. & E. Power House at Pittsburg. Bob Bittenbender has a few of our members on the project so it looks like we are in business again.

The Business Office has had many inquiries regarding application for apprenticeship training. Application for Apprenticeship Training is now closed as during the month of December of last year we received and held qualifying examinations for new apprentices into the program. Based on this 12 new apprentices were taken into the program. The program is now closed. All interested parties will be advised when the program will be reopened, hrough the East Bay Labor Journal and public agencies.

We are very sorry to report the passing of Brothers Tom Costello and Paul Madison. They had been members of our union for many years. They were well liked by all who knew them and will be greatly missed. The Officers and membership of Local 342 wish to extend their deepest sympathies to their families.

Please check your dues book. Be sure that you have a February stamp in your book before the end of the month.

We will be looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, April 26.

Chips and Chatter

BY GUNNAR (BENNY) BENONYS

Some time back, the Local authorized a mailing to the membership by Mutual of Omaha Co. Mr. Harold Cook. Special Coverage Consulant, reports that 139 members have signed up for the special Income Protection Plan. To this date $16,434 has been paid out to members in benefits. One member was injured in January, 1969 and is still on disability and has received total payments of $4,800 due to a serious accident. Obviously these payments, which are in addition to state compensation, are helping the family during a period of extended inability to work. Call 562-2550 for information on this plan.

Lil GeeGee, our office vamp says, "Whether a fellow winds up with a nest egg or a goose egg depends a heap on the kind of chick he married."

Uncle Benny says he just heard that the Internal Revenue Service has streamlined its tax form for next year. It goes like this: (A) How much did you earn last year, (B) How much do you have left? (C) Send B!

On our sick and injured list this week are the following brothers: Orvall G. Bobbitt, retired due to disability. C. R. Hoover, plans to retire April 1. Jerry C. Jeffries, off work due to job injury. Joe Norskog plans to retire soon. Manuel T. Sousa, plans to retire the end of June. Mark Urenholt, is in the hospital due to a crushed vertebrae.

A number of other members have indicated they will be making their retirement application in the next few months.

Deeply regret to report the passing of Brother Waymond Watson. Funeral was held Wednesday, April 22 at the Greater New Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, Oakland, California. He was 58 years of age and had been a member of the Local for 26 years.

The Carpenter's Apprentice Bay Area contest was held at the Serramonte Shopping Center in Daly City on Saturday, April 18, 1970. I am happy to report that the winner was Roger Marchand of Carpenter's No. 36. Second place winner was Richard Volpe from Local No. 22 from San Francisco. Third place winner was Gary Soltau from Local No. 2046 from Martinez. Fourth place winner was Neel Westerman also from Local No. 2046. Local No. 2046 also took fifth place with Robert McDonald. Barry Rost of Local No. 36 was sixth place winner. Carl E. Wahlberg of Local 1622 was seventh and William N. Graber of Local 2164, San Francisco, was eighth.

In the Millwrights contest James Brignolio of No. 102 won first place. Second place was won by Dennis A. Winsor also of No. 102.

In the Mill Cabinet contest Scott Robinson of No. 2095 was first place winner. Peter Borg of No. 42 was second place winner.

Cousin Al just heard that one income tax expert in Washington, D.C., has labeled his office "Den of Inequity."

Carmen's Union, 192, ATU

BY MIKE CHUBA

On Friday, April 24, at all Divisions and the General Office there will be a Special Election. Time at the Divisions from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the evening. At the General Office it will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As you know a few of the members at the Annual Benevolent Meeting on March 9, voted the Benevolent Plan out. So the Board of Governors called a Special Meeting held March 25 and it was decided to put it to a referendum vote so that every member may exercise his democratic right. There will be three choices to vote on, Plan 1, $1.50 a month pays $15 a week; $3 a month, pays $30 a week; OPTIONAL, Plan 2, $1 a month pays $10 a week; $2 a month pays $20 a week, MANDATORY. No. 3, No Plan.

At Division 4, Friday, April 24, there will be an Election for Line Executive, those running are: I. P. Cordeiro, M. Paul Mendes, Richard Windrich, and C. E. Rowe.

Negotiations are progressing. The first week was clarification of language, and going over each other's proposals. This week they should get to the heart of it. Will keep you informed.

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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

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ute to all those people. He started out agreeing that he could add "no adjectives." Then he went into this:

"I will put it in personal terms. I thought the most exciting day in my life was the day I was elected President of the United States.

"I thought perhaps nert to that was the day that Apollo 11 completed its flight and I met it when it came down to sea in the Pacific."

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NEVER HAVING been elected to very much, I can't compare making it as President with the first moon landing.

But it seems to me that Apollo 11 was pretty exciting too.

Richard did agree that now last Friday had become the "most exciting, the most meaningful day I had ever experienced."

It's nice to know that it even ranked his election day, which really wasn't very exciting.

He won because he had $28,000 to spend, and he came very close to not making it against an underfinanced opponent who had nothing to bank on except a perfect record of working for the good of all the nation.

Which the winner did not have. And has not had since his election.

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IF THE President had wished to show class, he would have opened with a humble tribute to the courage of those threatened three and those others who worked to bring them home.

Instead, he had to remind those three men and the rest of the world's millions that he was excited when he just made it.

I have a suggestion. We're good enough to bring three men home from space. Let's be good enough to elect another President next time.

Who will be humble enough not to rate his own successes in the same league with space history.

Millmen's 550

BY ARSIE BIGBY

The Northern California Conference of Millmen and the Lumber and Mill Employer Association Negotiating Committees are continuing to meet on a regular basis in collective bargaining sessions.

To date, each side has presented its contract proposals to the other side and there has been exchange of dialogue between the committee spokesmen to determine the intent of the various proposals.

Your Negotiating Committee will report to you collectively in the future in one of two methods, either a News Bulletin or a Special Called meeting of the Union membership, but the members of your committee will not discuss the negotiations with any one, on an individual basis, for such reports usually lead to rumors and distortions, and this we don't want to happen. It cannot happen when the entire membership receives the same identical report.

Now I want to invite each of you to attend your Union meetings, regular or Special Called. To you members who are still out of work, be sure to register for work, each week on our Out of Work List, for there has been a slight pickup in job calls the last two weeks, nothing to really shout about, but it is a slight improvement.

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COPE asks Cohelan volunteers

Alameda County COPE is calling for volunteers for work beginning next Friday evening, May 1 and continuing through the weekend in support of labor-endorsed Congressman Jeffery Cohelan's primary election campaign.

There will be telephoning assignments from 7 to 9 p m. Friday and from 12 noon until about 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Volunteers will work out of COPE's headquarters at 595 Sixteenth Street, Oakland, and the Central Labor Council and Building Trades Council offices at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

They should call the Labor Council, telephone 444-6510, for assignments.

Cohelan, with a perfect Congressional voting record on jobs, equal rights, social issues and other items on the AFL-CIO's tally, faces a Democratic primary challenge June 2.

On Alameda County COPE's recommendation, he was included in labor's statewide slate by the California Labor Council on Political Education pre-primary endorsing convention.

Instant support--Teamsters walk back with settlement

Teamsters walked out at the Owens Illinois Glass Company plant in Oakland last week, got instant support from other unionists and won a settlement within minutes.

Negotiators for Teamsters Local 70 told the drivers that talks on renewal of a contract, whose expiration date was April 1, had broken down after the starting time issue.

The drivers began to set up picket lines and evening shift workers at the plan at 3600 Alameda Avenue declined to cross. The other workers at Owens Illinois belong to Printing Specialties, Glass Bottle Blowers Local 2, 141 and 142; Machinists Lodge 284, Culinary Workers Local 31, Cooks Local 228 and ILWU Warehouse Local 6.

A management spokesman asked for delay. Thirty minutes later he reappeared and announced the company had bought the union's terms.

The union got retention of the previous contract's 8 a.m. starting time with time and one-half pay for work before 8. Management's abandoned proposal was to start drivers without overtime from 6 to 8.

The 45 drivers were to vote on the agreement which also raises pay $1.40 per hour over three years.

In another instance of union mutual help, the Alameda County Central Labor Council last week voted strike support if Local 70 needed it in its negotiations for furniture warehouse drivers.

E. Bay apprentices win Carpenter, Millwright titles

Apprentices of Carpenters Local 36 and Millwrights Local 102 were named the outstanding apprentices of the Bay Area in the annual competition last Saturday in Daly City.

Roger Marchand of Local 36, who has been in the apprenticeship program less than three years, was named the outstanding carpenter apprentice. He is 29, married, and lives in San Leandro.

James Brignolio of Local 102 won the Millwrights apprenticeship demonstration. He is an Oakland native, now 24, and living in Castro Valley.

Scott Robinson of Millmen's 2095 of San Rafael was named the outstanding cabinetmaker apprentice.

They will represent the Bay Counties Apprenticeship & Training Program in the statewide contests and if they win they will enter the national competition.

More than 2,000 witnessed last Saturday's day-long public demonstrations which drew the best apprentices from Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo counties.

Winners received savings bonds, tools and other prizes.

In the Carpenters contest Richard Volpe of Local 22, San Francisco, was second. The next three spots were taken by men from Local 2046 in Martinez — Gary Soltau, Neel Westerman and Robert McDonald, in that order. Barry Rost of Local 36 was sixth.

Dennis A. Winsor of Local 102 was second in the Millwrights contest. Peter Borg of Millmen's Local 42, San Francisco, was second in cabinetmaker competition.

In seventh place in the carpenter contest was Carl E. Wahlberg, of Hayward Carpenters Local 1622 and in eighth place was William N. Graber of Local 2146, San Francisco.

Desks needed for COPE vote drive

Desks for the vounteers working for labor-endorsed primary election candidates are COPE's need right now.

Unions or individuals with desks to lend should contact Alameda County COPE, 451-3215, to arrange to have them picked up. Only specification is that the desks have drawers. Otherwise, the desks may be old, new or in between.

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BACOP to mark second birthday at meet May 6

The Bay Area Construction Opportunity Program has invited 1,000 persons to its second annual meeting and luncheon in Burlingame May 6.

Main speaker will be John L. Wilks, deputy assistant secretary for compliance in the Labor Department. The luncheon will be held at the LeBaron Hotel, 1380 Bayshore Highway, Burlingame.

The affair will be a no-host luncheon. The price is $6 payable at the door.

Invitations went to BACOP members, minority organizations, and city, county, state and federal officials.

The five-county labor-management program has been operating since May 20, 1968 under a grant of the Department of Labor Outreach Program to help develop minority personnel in the construction industry.

BACOP is sponsored by Building Trades Councils of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, and contractors groups.

Bus ride to I-J strike meet

East Bay unionists will be well represented tonight, Friday, April 24, when Bay Area labor meets in San Rafael in support of printers on strike for 18 weeks against the scab-operated San Rafael Independent-Journal.

The Alameda County Central Labor Council has chartered a bus which will leave at 7 p.m. from the Labor Temple, 2135 Street, Oakland. It gives a free ride to San Rafael to 60 delegates, wives, friends and older children.

If enough volunteer, a second bus will be chartered, Assistant Secretary Ed Collins said. Those who want to make the trip should contact the council at 444-6510.

The meeting at 647 Lindaro Street, San Rafael, is scheduled to start at 8 p.m.

More than 200 members of striking Typographical Union 21 and their supporters picketed the Emporium on Market Street last Saturday in continuation of their campaign to spotlight major advertisers supporting the anti-union newspaper.

Other pickets continued handbilling the decreasing number of other advertisers in the Marin County daily.

Management still refused all invitations to negotiate, arbitrate or otherwise seek solution of the ispute. The most recent proposal was from the county board of supervisors to name an impartial citizens fact-finding committee.

Meanwhile, contempt of court proceeding sought by each side against the other were indefinitely postponed.

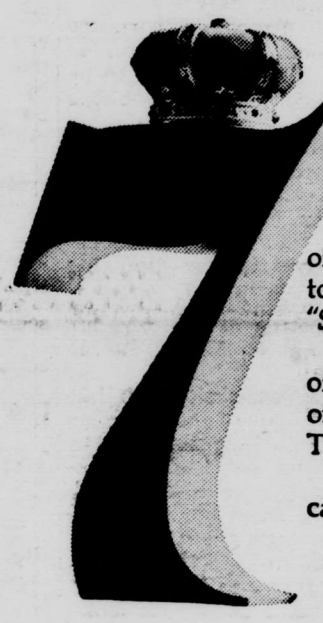
Cohelan opens two headquarters

Two campaign headquarters for the re-election of labor-endorsed Congressman Jeffery Cohelan have been opened in Oakland, Campaign Co-chairmen Wilmont Sweeney and Kaya Apaydin announced.

In East Oakland, the headquarters is at 5129 Foothill Boulevard, telephone 261-3282. In downtown Oakland, the headquarters is at 2805 Broadway, telephone 832-7485.

Both will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday, for the primary campaign.

Mrs. Eugene Stephens Jr. of Oakland has been named volunteer coordinator for the drive to re-elect Cohelan.



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AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

Regular meetings of Lodge 1546 are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. in our building at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

Fraternally,
LEVIN CHARLES,
Recording Secretary

SERVICE EMPLOYEES 18

SPECIAL NOTICE

There will be nominations for secretary-business representative at the regular meeting at 3 p.m. on April 24.

General membership meetings of Service Employees Local 18 are held at 3 p.m. the fourth Friday of each month in Janny Lind Hall, 2267 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
BEN TUSI,
Secretary Pro-Tem

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

In accordance with section 18-F of the Constitution, there will be a special called meeting on May 7, 1970 at 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley, Calif. at 8 p.m. At this meeting we will nominate delegates for the 31st General Convention at San Francisco, California.

On May 21, 1970 there will be a SPECIAL CALLED meeting at 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley, Calif. to elect two delegates to the 31st General Convention which is to be held at San Francisco, Calif. beginning on Monday, August 24, 1970 at 10 a.m. and to continue until Convention business has been completed. Refreshments will be served at this meeting.

Local 1158 is now enrolled with VISION CARE FOUNDATION for its members, located at 1724 Franklin Street, Oakland, Calif.

Regular meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley.

Be a good member. Attend union meetings. You may win a door prize.

Fraternally,
NICK J. AFDAMO,
Recording Secretary

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SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

The regular meetings are every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple.

Fraternally,
ROBERT M. COOPER,
Business Representative

IRON WORKERS 378

Our Regular Executive Board meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 8 p.m.

Stewards meetings also are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 8 p.m.

Our regular membership meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, 8 p.m.

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SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The Regular Meeting of the Oakland, California, Unified School Employees Local Union No. 257 will be held at the Castlemont High School Auditorium on Saturday, May 9, 1970.

The Executive Board will meet at 8 a.m. Board members, please take note.

Cafeteria workers meet at 1:30 p.m.

Fraternally,
HAROLD BENNER,
Executive Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

This is to officially notify you that there will be a SPECIAL CALL MEETING held May 14, 1970, 8:00 p.m., at 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, California for the purpose of NOMINATING and ELECTING 4 DELEGATES to attend the 31st General Convention to be held in San Francisco, beginning Monday, August 24, 1970.

Convention will continue until all business has been completed.

ALSO—for Nomination and Election of 4 Regular and 10 Alternate Delegates to the District Council.

Regular meetings are held the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 8 p.m. with a social following the meeting on the fourth Thursday.

The office of the financial secretary is open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays, and 7:30 a.m. to noon Fridays.

Stewards meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. A stewards training program is held in conjunction with the stewards meeting.

The 1969 Claim for Refund forms can be picked up at the Financial Secretary's office.

Final filing date is June 30, 1970.

Fraternally,
KYLE W. MOON
Recording Secretary

CARPET & LINOLEUM 1290

The next meeting of Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Workers, Local 1290, will be held in Hall "C" at 8 p.m., Thursday, April 23, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland. Please attend.

National Conference Deaths are now due and payable through NC 354.

Fraternally,
ROBERT SEIDEL,
Recording Secretary

STEAMFITTERS 342

A Special called membership meeting will be held Sunday, April 26, 1970 in Hall M of the Labor Temple, located at 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, California.

The meeting will convene at 10 a.m. sharp, with the main order of business being the allocation of the 82 cents per hour increase previously negotiated.

Kindly arrange your affairs so you may be present.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Business Manager

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Carpenters Local 194 meets the first and third Monday evenings of the month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building, located at 2201 Central Avenue, Alameda.

Refreshments are served following the first meeting of the month in the Canteen for all present. You are urged to attend your Local's meetings.

A special called meeting will be held Monday, May 18, 1970 at 8:00 p.m.. for the purpose of nominating and electing two delegates to the General Convention to be held in San Francisco beginning Monday, August 24, 1970.

Fraternally,
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CARPENTERS 36

The regular meetings for Carpenters Local Union 36 are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at 8460 Enterprise Way, Oakland, California 94621, at 8 p.m. Phone 569-3465.

The hours of the Financial Secretary's office are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Friday the office closes at 1 p.m.

Stewards meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month, at the hall.

A special called meeting will be held at 9 p.m., Thursday, May 7, 1970, for the purpose of nominating and electing four delegates to the General Convention in San Francisco, beginning Monday, August 24, 1970.

Support yourself, attend your union meetings!

Fraternally,
ALLEN L. LINDER,
Recording Secretary

BARBERS 134

The regular April meeting will be held on Thursday night, April 23, 1970 in Room H of the Labor Temple, 23rd and Valdez Streets, Oakland. Please try to attend.

Dues and assessments are due on or before the first day of the month for which they are due. A $1 assessment is levied on the second billing.

Executive Committee and membership voted NOT TO SIGN PETITION being circulated by "scab" barbers. Please take note.

Fraternally,
JACK M. REED,
Secrettary-Treasurer

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 678

Meeting second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. in Cannery Workers Hall, 492 C Street, Hayward, California.

Fraternally,
JOSEPH CABRAL,
Secretary

U.C. EMPLOYEES 371

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting has been called for Saturday, April 25, at 12 noon. The meeting will be held at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland. It is very important for all custodians to attend this meeting.

Our next regular meeting will be held on May 9th, 1970, at 155 Kroeber Hall, at 2:00 p.m., preceded by the Executive Board Meeting at 1:00 p.m. The Stewards meeting, also.

The Insurance representative will be at this meeting, with cards and insurance policies. He will be able to answer any questions you may have. Let's have a large turnout for this meeting. Now is the time for each member to ask questions he may have concerning the insurance.

Fraternally,
J. J. SANTORO,
Secretary-Treasurer

MILLMEN'S UNION 550

There will be a SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, held on Friday, May 15, 1970 in conjunction with our regular meeting in May for the purpose of nominating and electing delegates to our General Convention to be held in August. This meeting will be held in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland. The Hall will be posted on the Bulletin Board in the lobby of the Labor Temple.

Fraternally,
GEO. H. JOHNSON,
Financial Secretary

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES 3

General membership meeting Hall C, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, the fourth Friday of the month, 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
WRAY JACOBS
Recording Secretary

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

Auto, Marine & Specialty Painters 1176 meets on the first and third Tuesdays of every month in Room H, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

Education an issue in L.A. teacher strike

A strike of United Teachers of Los Angeles for better education in face of Governor Reagan's budget attack for schools, and for wage increases went into its second week Monday with no hint of immediate settlement.

A member of the board of education demanded the resignation of the board's negotiator, Lyman Powell, because of his rigid refusal to negotiate unless teachers first returned to the classroom.

By the district's own figures, 52 per cent of the city's 25,000 teachers were out in Los Angeles' 616 schools.

The teachers took the position of "No contract, no work." President Robert Ransom said they were prepared to stay out the rest of the school term, if necessary.

Teachers struck April 13 after rejecting a 5 per cent pay increase. They objected that the offer contained no proposal for improving poor conditions in the schools. Improved education is a major strike demand.

"Poor eduction is worth less than no education at all," Ransom said.

A major aim of the strike was to get more money from the legislature which provides $150,000,000 of Los Angeles' $600,000,000 yearly school budget. Los Angeles votors rejected a temporary school tax increase March 17.

Educational reforms sought by teachers were set forth in a 67 page negotiation proposal.

Office Employees win raises in pact with laundries

Office & Professional Employes Local 29 has reached a new two-year agreement with the Laundry Owners Association of Alameda County providing 50 cents an hour more in wages and major improvements in fringe benefits.

The contract covering some 50 office and clerical employes, provides a 25 cent raise retroactive to April 1, drug and major medical coverage, a five day increase in cumulative sick leave up to 25 days, three weeks vacation after five years instead of after seven, improved holidays and a no discrimination clause.

Next April 1 another 25 cents an hour will be added to wages and an additional 5 cents an hour for the pension program, bringing employer contributions to 20 cents.

Five independent laundry owners also signed the new contract.

Delano caravan leaves tomorrow

The first caravan to Delano since signing of five union contracts with Coachella Valley grape growers will leave Oakland tomorrow, Saturday, April 25.

The caravan, carrying food and money in support of the AFL-CIO United Farm Workers Organizing Committee will leave at 7 a.m. from 568 47th Street. Those needing rides or with extra space in their own cars may phone 655-3256.

PRINTING SPECIALTIES 382

Meeting second Friday of the month at 8 p.m. in Jenny Lind Hall, 2267 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
TED E. AHL,
Secretary

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The Man Who Came to Dinner

Lower minimum wage is not youth opportunity

Some weeks ago the Department of Labor put out a cautious announcement that its Bureau of Labor Statistics had found the minimum wage might be harmful to youth employment.

We take some credit for the guarded tone of the department's findings. We got wind of the study and pointed up the issue almost a year ago.

The issue is the danger that this study may be added muscle for the old employer push to pay young people less. Weeping crocodile tears, management has said it would love to hire more teen agers but their wages come too high.

Minimum wages do not cause youth unemployment. The youth jobless rate fluctuates according to the country's economic condition—which, thanks to the Nixon administration's professed "anti-inflation" policies, has been slow and getting slower for more than a year.

Minimum wages do not influence the supply of jobs for any workers. When there are more jobs there are more jobs for youth. When there are fewer jobs, fewer young people work.

For instance, the teen age unemployment rate has risen, along with the over-all jobless rate, in recent months without any increase in the pitifully small minimum.

Now we hear more on the subject from the President's Council on Youth Opportunity headed by a man named Spiro T. Agnew.

The council publicizes the Labor Department's qualified findings. It gives high play in its bulletin to the claim that a "substantial" differential—say 20 per cent—between youth and adult minimums would be necessary to dent the teen age jobless rate.

It probably would have an effect. The effect would be that reactionary employers would lay off adult heads of families to hire cheap youth labor.

That would make no difference in the over-all jobless picture. And it would not scratch the surface of teen age unemployment.

The cure is more jobs. And the administration's policy is for fewer. It is Nixonism, not the minimum wage, which means joblessness.

Help county bargaining aim

At noon next Tuesday, April 28, union members who work for Alameda County will gather at the county administration building in Oakland in a mass demonstration on behalf of collective bargaining.

The county, which has shown no inclination to or understanding of real collective bargaining, needs such a strong reminder that its workers want the same union rights which other people have by law.

Not only do the employes want bargaining on salaries, fringes and working conditions, but they are as entitled to it as private industry workers.

You can help them gain it by joining their demonstration on your lunch hour next Tuesday. The place is 1221 Oak Street, adjacent to the courthouse.

There will be a massive turnout by the county workers. The more other unionists join, to emphasize solidarity for public employes, the stronger will their point be.

The alternative to constructive give and take bargaining seems to be a confrontation between the employes and county officials. Labor is not yet convinced that a strike is necessary. The way to head one off is meaningful bargaining.

Threat to labor freedom

At the President's request, Congress has passed a bill imposing a contract on four railroad shopcraft unions. The President has signed it.

This, we feel, is creeping totalitarianism. Free collective bargaining does not exist without the right of labor to make its own decision on its bargaining setttlements.

No claim that strikes are "emergencies" can nullify the simple fact that freedom requires free choice. That such a bill has become law is a grave emergency.

Next step would be the President's measure for compulsory arbitration in five transportation industries. If that is passed, it will be just a matter of time until all labor is so controlled.

Big corporations export U.S. jobs, meet told

The giant American corporations that export jobs of American workers should be controlled by the government, a Washington conference of 500 representatives of 45 unions was told.

AFL-CIO Secretary - Treasurer Lane Kirkland pledged that organized labor would work for healthy expansion of U.S. trade that "enhances the well-being of the American people, in place of one that enhances corporate greed."

I. W. Abel, president of the Industrial Union Department which called the conference, said American firms are manufacturing components and products abroad at wages as low as 15 cents an hour then shipping them back to the United States.

Speakers gave first hand descriptions of American workers left jobless when corporations shifted operations to such low-Nat Goldfinger said that in the last 25 years United States-based multi-national firms have set up at least 8,000 new foreign subsidiaries with total assets of more than $100,000,000,000.

These firms, whose operations reach across national boundaries, juggle wages, prices, profits, dividends, exports and imports wage areas in Japan, Taiwan, Mexico, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Other union spokesmen said:

• Five thousand electronic jobs are being lost each month.

• The U.S. shoe industry is in danger of being closed down completely.

• In the rubber industry shop after shop is being shut down.

AFL-CIO Research Director beyond the control of any nation, he said.

"These runaways have been a major factor in U.S. trade deterioration," he said.

They account for half of America's so-called foreign trade, Goldfinger added, but "these are not trade relations among nations. They are company transactions."

He called for government regulation of these giant corporations "that are exporting American technology and jobs, perhaps even trending towards a multi-national corporation-dominated society."

Kirkland said, "Expansion of world trade must be made orderly. It must be regulated to prevent the loss of American jobs and the exploitation of American workers or workers in other countries . . ."

Labor opposes 'no strings' U.S. grants to states

The AFL-CIO actively opposed a bill in the U.S. Senate to turn federal tax revenues over to states and cities without federal standards on how the money should be spent.

All federal tax money should be used to meet national goals, the AFL-CIO said, regardless of who spends it.

"The question of whether or not federal funds should be shared with the states is not at issue," the federation said in a statement to a Senate subcommittee.

More than $27,000,000,000 in federal tax money will be funnelled in the coming year to states and cities through existing grant-in-aid programs, the statement pointed out.

"This will amount to about one-fourth of the total federal domestic spending and will be equivalent to almost one-fifth of the revenue that states and localities raise through their own taxation," the AFL-CIO said.

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Letters to the editor

Reagan silence advised

Editor, Labor Journal:

After the most profound foot-in-mouth faux pas in ages, we think it should be politically expedient for our Governor to remain silent, for an interminably long time for his own philosophical well-being.

We are aware that such a long silence might inhibit his personal image, but would that be bad?

His statement only proves what I've believed all along: He is a victim of the old "Cowboy and Indian Syndrome," but he'll have to learn to avoid the well known "mouth - out - of-control" technique, so prevalent among many local politicians.

One of our best known local politicians, because he experienced the evil results of things mentioned above, had to withdraw from politics.

Unruh, you lucky devil.

NATHANIEL F. DICKERSON,
Recording Secretary,
UC Employees Local 371

Inflation still with us

Editor, Labor Journal:

I was so happy to read where our worthy President, or his cohorts, state that inflation is over.

Evidently President Nixon's wife does not shop at the supermarket that my wife does because she is continually showing me 5 to 10 cent raises on the price marks on each jar or package of food. Also Mr. Nixon does not have to worry about a health plan or auto insurance as I do, because I have been notified that as of April my costs are going up, up, and away.

I certainly do not blame the postal workers for taking the bull by the horns, after all the "mumbo-jumbo" they have been given by our brilliant legislators in Washington. How long did it take these same people to give the President and themselves a raise? Someone on television the other night said that one of the most important things that this country needs is a "house cleaning" in Congress.

A few people like myself are still waiting to hear President Nixon's secret plan to end the war. Oh pray, when will he divulge this secret?

JACK M. REED,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Barbers Local 134

BTC praises Groulx, Quinn

The Alameda County Building Trades Council this week voted appreciation to Central Labor Council Executive Secretary-Treasurer Richard K. Groulx for his work, along with BTC Secretary-Treasurer Lamar Childers, in gaining University of California move for meaningful talks with UC building tradesmen.

Groulx and Childers, BTC President Paul L. Jones declared, are "a hell of a good bargaining team."

The council also voted praise to James W. Quinn, former BTC president, former East Bay Labor Journal editor and former State Board of Equalization member, now retiring as assistant to the Oakland city manager, for his long service to labor and the community. The council noted that his work had been instrumental in building a strong building trades labor movement here.

New BTC contracts, reported to the meeting are with Casco Fire Protection Company, Harry Kawaki, Harry Lucas (M.E.M. Construction Company), Salvati Masonry, Edward Smith, Inc.; Bernard Spiro, Statewide Builders, Inc., and J. R. Youngdale Construction Company.

UC talks due; strike delayed

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denial of unemployment and disability insurance and Social Security and UC refusal to pay into union health, pension and other benefit funds.

Talks between the university and unions, Hitch pledged, "will include joint studies conducted by both parties and will arrive at joint findings of facts, and exchange of proposals on which appropriate wage rates, benefits and working conditions can be predicated."

"A written statement of the understanding achieved will be given all parties," Hitch promised.

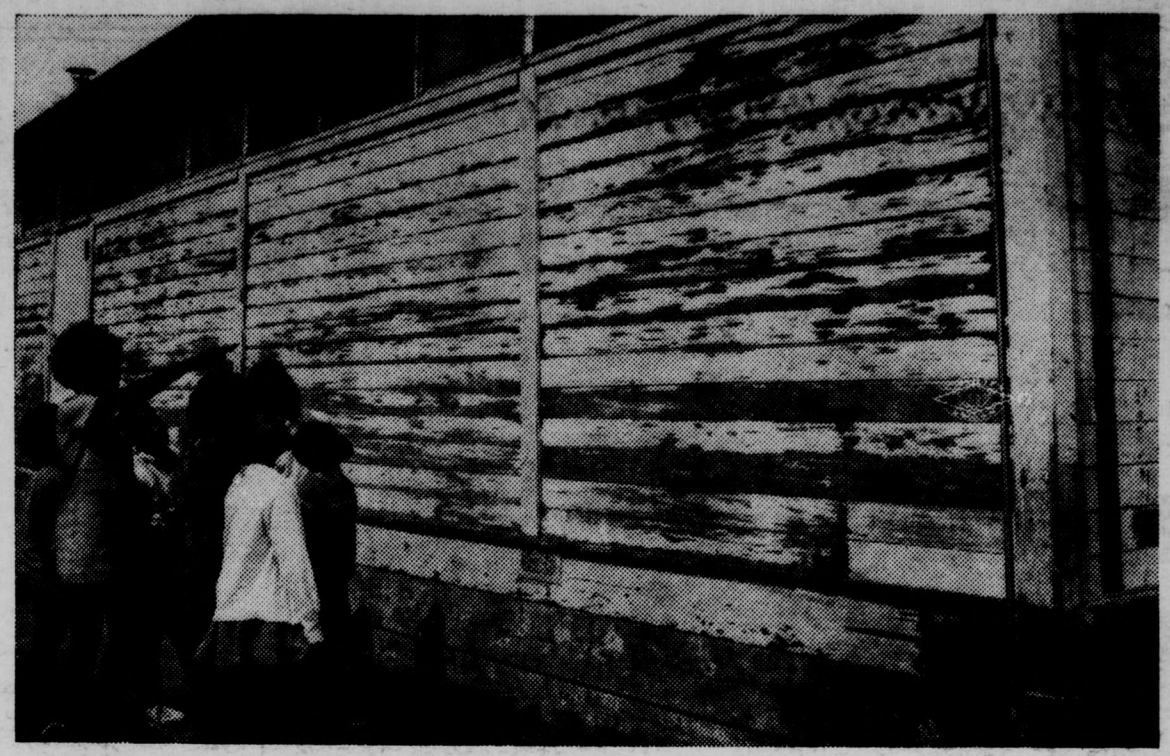
"Meaningful discussions" will begin at the local level but his office will stay in close contact and become involved in event of "major problems," he said.

Childers called the university policy a major breakthrough, noting that "such meaningful discussions and written understandings were not previously possible."

The BTC and Labor Council are maintaining their sanction and support, he said, but the BTC will indefinitely postpone the strike deadline.

The now-deferred strike has solid labor backing. Its date was set last week by a committee of all unions with UC membership, including BTC and Labor Council affiliates, plus Teamsters.

Its objective was to shut down the university in what Childers then described as the "only way to get a hearing and redress our grievances."



PEELING PAINT on this Stonehurst Elementary School classroom wall is typical of condition of Oakland school buildings, say proponents of the 15 cent school tax override proposition on the June 2 primary election ballot. Rot in wood, leaky rooms, cracked plaster and other deterioration will be stopped by passage of the measure for badly needed maintenance. Schools financial problems have forced work to be deferred, while school building tradesmen work short hours, threatening a much bigger repair bill in future.

Print Specialties apartments open

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Secretary Fredrick Sullivan of District Council 5 noted that the center provides modern, comfortable, congenial dwellings for older people.

Conveniences include electric kitchens in each apartment. Menus for meals served by the center are controlled to meet the elderly residents' requirements and formulated by a dietitian.

Special menus are available at a $5 extra monthly fee.

Recreation will include shuffleboard, putting green, gardening, arts and crafts. Facilities include library, sitting and reading room, card room, patio, dining patio and roof deck.

Union label grapes due in June

Two more Coachella Valley growers have signed union contracts with the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee after their employes had voted overwhelmingly to make the union their bargaining agent.

The new agreements are with Kevin K. Larson and Cecil C. Larson, brothers who farm adjoining properties.

Earlier, three ranches operated by Lionel Steinberg had signed UFWOC agreements, covering 500 workers in the May Coachella harvest.

The farm union breakthrough brought an AFL-CIO pledge to help sale of union-produced grapes and intensify the boycott on non-union growers.

Each box picked under union contract will bear the red and black UFWOC union label, featuring the Farm Workers' eagle symbol.

Grapes from the first three Coachella Valley ranches, to sign contracts with the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee should reach the market about the first of June, AFL-CIO Director of Organization William L. Kircher said.

About 12 per cent of table grapes produced in the Coachella Valley will be covered by the union label under the first three contracts. The breakthrough in UFWOC's five-year struggle was followed by union recognition and negotiations on two other vineyards after workers voted for UFWOC.

"Several other growers," Kircher reported, "on an individual basis, have indicated to the union that they would like to talk informally, now that the ground has been broken."

Print Specialties gain big raises at Standard Register

Within hours after the Alameda County Central Labor Council executive committee had recommended strike sanction, Printing Specialties Local 382 negotiators reached agreement on a two-year $24 a week pay increase package at the Standard Register plant in Oakland.

The new agreement, ratified by the membership, covers 110 employes and supplants an agreement which expired April 1.

It raises pay $14 a week, effective April 1, and will boost wages another $10 a week on April 1, 1971.

A dental care plan wil be effective next Juy 1, financed by an $8.50 per employe per week management contribution.

Standard Register agreed that present health and welfare benefits would be maintained for the life of the contract.

Other gains incude a tenth paid holiday per year and two-day paid leave for funeral of a close reative.

The agreement was reached in all-day talks after strike sanction had been approved by the Labor Council executive committee, Loran Winje, Printing Specialties District Council 5 business representative, said.

Charges dropped; Creque ,4 in school case draw fines

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An audience-police confrontation occurred after audience members had protested the board's method of selecting Dr. James Mason to be superintendent of schools.

They charged that Mason, who later resigned without assuming office, had been named in violation of the board's screening procedure and without consultation with labor or the community. The board has since selected black educator Marcus A. Foster.

Creque's attorney, Stewart Weinberg, called the outcome a victory and said he had been advised no action was contemplated against Creque's job or his teacher's license.

Creque was back as an Oakland High School science teacher this week. Weinberg said the defendants "had a fair trial all the way" and called Judge Cooper and District Attorney Lowell Jensen "very reasonable men."

Fines on Creque's co-defendants ranged from a high of $250 for Paul Cobb, co-chairman of the Black Caucus, to $50 imposed on Alphonso Galloway, chairman of Blacks for Justice. The other co-defendants were Percy Moore and Elijah Turner.

Labor breakfast with legislators

The Alameda County Building Trades and Central Labor Councils are to be co-sponsors of a breakfast for Alameda County state Legislature members May 12 during labor's legislative conference in Sacramento.

The breakfast, at 8 a.m. at the Westlake Inn, Sacramento, will give unionists opportunity to question legislators on their positions on labor legislation and harmful bills.

In charge of the breakfast for the BTC are President Paul L. Jones and Gunnar (Benny) Benonys, Carpenters Local 36. CLC President Russell R. Crowell and Assistant Secretary Ed Collins are CLC members of the steering committee.

The conference will be sponsored by the California Labor Federation and State Building Trades Council May 11 to 13. It it expected to focus on legislation needed to curb the state's present jobless crisis, affecting more than half a million workers.

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